

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 20, please replace the first paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

[60] To prevent separation of the two components of the fastening system as much as possible, an intermediate space between the spots, as already described above in detail, may have an exposed adhesive layer. In particular, the entire intermediate space between the spots may have such a surface property. A very ~~hand~~ handy user end is obtained on the diaper-fastening tape when the exposed adhesive layer is limited to the carrier area which is bordered by the edge spots.

On page 30, please replace the second full paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

[95] This hook spot itself belongs to the closing area 8. The hooks 6 of the hook spot 5 are small elastically flexible hook having the usual shape associated with a hook-and-loop fastener such as that described in US 6,210,389 B1, for example. The hooks 6 thus form a ~~male~~ male component of a mechanical two-component fastening system, namely a hook-and-loop fastening system.

On pages 36-37, please replace the paragraph bridging pages 36 and 37 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[121] The carrier areas 112 of the diaper-fastening tapes 101, 102 and 105 in Figures 6, 7, 8, 9, 14 and 15 ~~have an are~~ identical with regard to the design of the spots; thus, all the spots 114, 115, 116, 117, 118 are full circles or sectors of circles while the carrier areas 112 of the diaper-fastening tape 103 are complementary thereto in Figures 10 and 11. In the first exemplary embodiments, six full-circle central spots 115 are situated within the carrier area 112. Four semicircular spots 118 are situated on a longitudinal edge of the carrier area 112 and thus perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the longitudinal extent 107. Thus two edge spots 114 which are also semicircular and/or an edge spot 116 constituting less than a semicircle and two edge spots 117 constituting less than a quarter circle are situated on the end sides of the carrier area 112 and thus above a longitudinal edge of the fastening carrier 106. The central spots 115 are shaped to coincide with one another. The edge spots 114, 116, 117, 118 are sectors of circles having the same radius with regard to one another and with regard to the central spots 115. The midpoints of the circles of the central spots 115 and the edge spots 114, 116, 117, 118 are arranged in a uniformly

shaped grid so that spot edges 123, 124, 125 (labeled with numbers as examples) form a uniform pattern within the carrier area 112.

On pages 38-39, please replace the paragraph bridging pages 38 and 39 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[127] The circular central spots 115 each have an intermediate carrier 120 which is also circular while the edge spots 114, 116, 117, 118 have an intermediate carrier that has been cut off and has at least essentially the shape and size of the respective edge spot. The adhesive layer 121 runs continuously within the entire carrier area 112 beneath the spot-shaped intermediate carrier ~~20~~ 120 within the entire carrier area 112. Therefore, the adhesive layer 121 is exposed between the spots 114, 115, 116, 117, 118. All the spots 114, 115, 116, 117, 118 are provided with hooks 122 in a very fine grid-like arrangement. The grid of the hooks 122 is aligned with its main axes parallel or perpendicular to the direction of the longitudinal extent 107.